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STATE COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

Virginia Organization of the Y. M. C. A. Have Interesting Conference in This City.

NEW BUILDINGS GOING UP

Various Virginia Towns Getting Right in Line With Work and Advancing.

The first quarterly meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Virginia Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday afternoon at five o'clock in the office of Charles K. Willis, treasurer of the committee.

The following members were present: Messrs. R. M. Smith, Dr. W. P. Mathews, R. E. Magill, C. E. Wellford, C. K. Willis, of Richmond; John C. Paxton, of Woodstock; Captain T. C. Morton, of Staunton; State Secretary L. A. Coulter, T. S. Vane, county work secretary, and W. R. Walker, office secretary. In the absence of Chairman H. A. Gillis, Captain Morton presided. After approval of the minutes reports were submitted and adopted. The report of State Secretary Coulter for the first quarter was presented and showed many interesting features of the association work in the State. Among other things the report says: "The splendid building at Lynchburg is being rapidly erected, and it is hoped that it will be completed in the fall or early winter."

Petersburg recently sold its building for \$40,000, and after paying all obligations, has purchased a splendid lot for \$7,500. The report of State Secretary Coulter for the first quarter was presented and showed many interesting features of the association work in the State. Among other things the report says: "The splendid building at Lynchburg is being rapidly erected, and it is hoped that it will be completed in the fall or early winter."

Richmond's Good Work. Richmond central. Two \$10,000 subscriptions have been increased to \$15,000 each. The general canvass has not yet been inaugurated.

Richmond Railroad Department. A committee, composed of the chairman, the general secretary, the Mayor, and two or three other interested ones, secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie a gift of \$10,000. The fund among railroad men and their friends has been increased to \$15,000. This, with the gifts from the railroad companies and Mr. Carnegie, will provide a splendid building for the railroad employees of Richmond. Some questions in connection with the lot have delayed erection.

Other Buildings. Contracts have been let for the railroad building at Lambert's Point and Shennandoah; we have previously mentioned these appropriations.

Portsmouth is raising a fund of \$5,000 with which to pay out \$2,000 in bonds, change the auditorium into dormitories for additional income, and current expenses to cover two years. Over \$5,000 of the amount has been pledged.

Invitation from the Richmond Association to hold the next Boys' Conference in this city was accepted, the date to be fixed agreeable to the Richmond association.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Colored People Will Observe National Memorial Day.

The colored people of Richmond will observe to-day as memorial day, with a parade out to the national cemetery. The line of march will be headed by the brigade staff of colored Knights of Pythias and the United Spanish-American War Veterans (mounted). Two bands and sev-

eral organizations will be in the line. The parade will start from Third and Leigh Streets at 12 o'clock noon.

The programme of the exercises will be as follows: Singing, Prayer, Dr. W. H. Stokes, Ph. D. Master of ceremonies, the Rev. R. Beecher Taylor.

Address, commander of post, Colonel Cosby, of Washington. Reading, Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg, Myrtle Anderson.

Music. Address, Captain A. C. Brown. Oration, the Rev. A. E. Edwards.

Addresses by the Rev. Z. D. Lewis, the Rev. W. T. Johnson and Lieutenant W. W. Fields.

FINISH UP WORK.

Superintendents Elected and Committees Appointed.

The State Board of Education held another session yesterday morning, completed its work, and adjourned. Mr. S. S. Patten was re-elected a member of the Library Board, and Mr. R. B. Cook was elected superintendent of schools for Roanoke county, and Dr. W. S. Christian for Middlesex.

The law requiring a teacher to hold an A. B. degree was repealed. Governor Swanson, Dr. Tyler and Mr. Eggleston were appointed a committee to distribute the high school funds, in accordance with the plans of the board. A good many matters of more or less interest were discussed relative to district high schools.

It was provided for a high school of the first grade that it should have an enrollment of eighteen, and an average attendance of fifteen; a second grade high school should have an enrollment of fifteen, and an attendance of twelve; a third grade high school, an enrollment of ten, and an average attendance of eight.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction was requested to invite bids for school furniture, to be submitted to the board at the next meeting in July.

MASONIC HOME.

Committees Appointed for the Current Year.

Mr. J. S. Moore, president of the Board of Governors of the Masonic Home of Virginia, announces the appointment of the following committees for the Home for the current year: Executive—J. S. Moore, A. R. Courtney, G. G. Gooch, John W. Richardson, J. C. Robinson.

Admission—Julius Straus, F. W. Stiff, Ernest Williams, John Satterfield, W. E. Poole.

Entertainment—A. R. Courtney, W. E. Poole, John Satterfield, G. G. Gooch, E. S. Conrad.

Education—F. W. Stiff, H. R. Smith, George H. Ray.

Grounds and Buildings—John W. Richardson, T. H. Ellett, Harry Hodges, H. R. Smith, John Satterfield.

Dismissions—John Satterfield, John W. Richardson, Julius Straus.

Investment—T. H. Ellett, A. R. Courtney, J. C. Robinson.

Endowment Raised.

The contract between Richmond College and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, by which the former was to raise \$75,000 and the latter to donate \$25,000, in the event of the former amount being raised, has been completed, and now the authorities will come into possession of the full \$100,000. This sum will be added to the endowment of the institution.

GRAND OPENING OF NEW IOLEWOOD PARK

Band Concert and Other Attractions at Launching of Fine Outing Place.

Idlewood opens at noon to-day with a band concert by Kesslich's Royal Huzzar Band of twenty soloists. All the big shows will be ready for the big crowd, and one of the sights will be the man in front of the "Trips Around the World," who will tell you in characteristic language all about the things to be seen on the trip. There will be plenty of things to be seen all along the way from the grand entrance way to the grove beyond the Inn.

The scene will be one of those things that hangs to one long after he has gone, and will bring up the visions of youthful days, when the circus used to come to town.

The dance hall will be ready for those who love to trip the light fantastic, and a fine band will be ready to lead forth in the merry waltz music.

Promptly with the striking of the hour of 12 the big Oriental gateway will be thrown open, and the rush will begin.

SOUTHALL OUT OF CONGRESS RACE

Fourth District Representative Determines Not to Stand for Another Term.

LASSITER HAS CLEAR FIELD

Petersburg Man May Have No Opposition and Be Declared Nominee By Committee.

A complete surprise was sprung on the local political world yesterday, when Representative Robert G. Southall, of Amelia, gave out a signed statement in this city, announcing his retirement from the race for re-election to Congress in the Fourth District.

This leaves the field clear to Former Congressman Francis Rives Lassiter, of Petersburg, who has made an active and thorough canvass of the entire district, and who will likely have no opposition for the nomination.

In his card, addressed "To the Democrats of the Fourth District," which is printed elsewhere, Mr. Southall says he has had the matter of retirement from Congress under consideration for some time, but that he was reluctant to pursue any course that might seem unkind of personal friends, and embarrass them by retirement from a post to which they had elevated him through their partiality. He closes his card by expressing his gratitude for the loyalty of his friends and supporters, and declaring that their welfare will ever be his highest desire.

Mr. Southall's Reasons.

The announcement of Mr. Southall, which came as a great surprise to the public reads thus:

"To the Democrats of the Fourth District: "After many years of public life, spent in the service of my country, state, and nation, I have determined to give back to you the trust confided to me, and not to stand for re-election to Congress."

"I need not say that I am led to this conclusion through no distrust of the fidelity or generosity of the political friends who have sustained me in the past with their suffrages, and whose support I am grateful to feel, would still be given me were I to remain a legislator."

"Thinking this fit occasion to make a statement for some time past, but there was reluctance to pursue any course which might seem unkind of personal friends and embarrass them by retirement from a post to which their partiality had elevated me."

"Respectfully," "R. G. SOUTHALL."

Man of Prominence.

Mr. Southall is now serving out his second term in Congress, and is a lawyer of ability and a popular public servant. He defeated Major Lassiter (then the incumbent) by a small majority four years ago, and won a second term over former Judge Leo D. Yarrall, of Greensville, two years later.

He was for many years Commonwealth's attorney of Amelia county, and several times her representative in the Legislature. During the long session of 1901-2, he was chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice of the House, and a decided leader of that body.

The statement of Mr. Southall practically assumes Major Lassiter's nomination without opposition. He has made a fine canvass, and had his fight in good shape before there were any withdrawals.

When the fight opened up there were four aspirants.

Lassiter's Fine Canvass.

The list to get out was Judge Yarrall, and a little while later, Colonel William Henry Mann, of Petersburg, withdrew.

Now that Mr. Southall has decided not to make the race, no one thinks Major Lassiter will have opposition at the primary, but that he will be declared the nominee by the district committee.

Major Lassiter is well known in his district and throughout the State. He has served two terms in Congress, and was United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia under the last Democratic administration.

He is closely identified with his section by birth, training and interest, and has rendered fine service to his party on the stump, in many parts of Virginia. The popular ex-congressman is now forty years of age, and is in the prime of a vigorous intellectual and physical life.

For six months he has conducted a campaign in the district, which has brought him in close touch with his former constituents, and which has developed the fact that his record as a man and a democrat has borne the most careful scrutiny.

TO ORGANIZE SOCIETY.

Move on Foot to Start Society of Sons of the Blue Grass State.

Several of the brave sons of old Kentucky, who reside in this city, are negotiating a movement to form a society of the Sons of the Blue Grass State. Back of the movement are Mr. Jack Lehman and Mr. Ledger Boone, and they contemplate calling a meeting to which all natives of Kentucky who live there will be invited.

OLD DOMINION BUYS RIVER LINE

Big Steamship Company Acquires Control of the Virginia Navigation Route.

TO CONTINUE POCAHONTAS

Will Still Be Run on Day Trips and Moonlights Will Be Continued.

The Virginia Navigation Company, which has for years operated steamers on James River, has passed under the control of the Old Dominion Steamship Company.

The acquisition by the big corporation of a majority of the stock of the steamer line, it is said, destroy the identity of the latter, and its service will continue as heretofore. The offices will probably be brought together in the same building for convenience.

The deal, which had been on for several days, was effected yesterday at a meeting of the officials of both companies, which adjourned in the office of the purchase company at 1 o'clock.

President Guillardou, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, was elected president of the Virginia Navigation Company, vice Mr. J. C. Rodgers, of Philadelphia, resigned.

The Virginia Navigation Company will make no change in its policy, but will continue to act as an independent company, as in the past. Mr. Irvin Weisiger will remain as general manager. Provision has been made also for the purchase of the few remaining shares of the Virginia Navigation Company, at a price to be agreed upon.

Those present in the meeting yesterday were President W. J. Guillardou, E. E. Palen, secretary and auditor of the Old Dominion Steamship Company; President J. C. Rodgers, Director E. A. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer E. A. Barber, Jr., George L. Christian, general counsel, and Irvin Weisiger, general manager of the Virginia Navigation Company.

The Pocahontas, the day steamer of the Navigation Company, will continue her usual runs between Richmond and Norfolk and points between. All bookings for the moonlight excursions will be kept and these popular outings will continue to be made a feature.

Chesapeake and Ohio Earnings.

Following is a comparative statement of the Chesapeake and Ohio earnings for the month of April:

Gross earnings, 1906, \$2,065,571.10; 1905, \$1,673,778.31; Increase, \$391,792.79.
Less expenses, 1906, \$1,264,609.58; 1905, \$1,118,450.33; Increase, \$146,159.25.
Net earnings, 1906, \$741,210.51; 1905, \$555,328.98; Increase, \$185,881.53.

From July date—Gross earnings, 1906, \$30,216,091.15; 1905, \$17,075,335.79; Increase, \$13,140,755.36.

Less expenses, 1906, \$12,236,272.65; 1905, \$10,978,692.59; Increase, \$1,257,580.06.
Net earnings, 1906, \$17,979,818.50; 1905, \$6,100,643.20; Increase, \$11,879,175.30.

STRAUS CIGAR CO. HAS NOT MERGED

Company Has Been Approached, But No Deal Has Been Made.

A social from New York to an afternoon paper says that reports in that city have it that Goldman, Sachs & Co., immense cigar manufacturers and tobacco dealers, of New York, have offered the Straus Cigar Company, of Richmond, manufacturers of cigars, a very flattering sum for a controlling interest in their cigar factory and plant, to be turned over to and merged with the United Cigar Manufacturers' Company, recently organized by Kerba Wertheim and Schiff-Hirschorn, Mark & Co., and the Straus & Stern's concern.

The special goes on to say that the combination above mentioned has provided a five-million-dollar fund for the purpose of buying up and consolidating cigar factories.

Mr. Charles E. Straus, the proprietor of the Straus Cigar Company, said last night that he knew nothing more of the matter than that which he saw in the afternoon paper. He denied emphatically that any deal had been made, but added that he had recently been approached by certain parties who may or may not have been acting for the combination referred to above. These parties had nothing definite to offer and Mr. Straus thought nothing more of the matter.

"Certain it is," said he, "no deal has been made nor do I know that there is any likelihood of one being made."

SOUTHERN NOT TO MOVE.

General Offices Will Still Remain in Washington, Says President.

In answer to a letter from Mr. Egbert G. Leigh, Jr., president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, to President S. Spencer, of the Southern Railroad, asking the latter if a move of the general offices from Washington were contemplated, Mr. Spencer writes to say that no such move is under consideration. He further states that it is most important for the successful conduct of the road that the offices should remain in Washington.

Some time ago there was rumor to the effect that the land owned by the Southern would be condemned by the Federal government for government purposes, and therefore the Southern offices would have to be vacated.

MONUMENT TO MISS MARY BUDD

She Was Only a Plain School Teacher But She Was Loved.

TESTIMONY TO HER WORTH

Those She Taught Loved Her, and a Tablet Stands to Her Memory.

Yesterday in the pale sunlight of late afternoon, a little company of those who knew and loved Miss Mary T. Budd gathered in Hollywood to witness the unveiling of a simple marble slab, erected to her memory.

Miss Budd had for many years been a teacher at Central School in this city, where her pure life and unassuming nature won for her the love of all those with whom she was associated, in her daily life, and when, after a sudden and sharp illness, she died on Easter Sunday of this year, she was sincerely mourned by young people all over the city, whose memory of her held no word of harshness or impatience and whose heart were smitten with the sense of her loss.

And so it came about that a spontaneous desire to honor her, whom they knew and loved, sprang up in the minds of the pupils she had left behind, and on their own initiative, a movement was set on foot to erect a lasting testimonial to her life.

The exercises of the unveiling were short and simple, as was the life of her whom they sought to honor. A short prayer by the Rev. Dr. R. B. Eggleston was followed by the actual dropping of the veil by two of the members of her last class—Susie Luck and Joseph Burke. The Rev. Jere Witherspoon then addressed the assembled company, dwelling in a few words on the life and achievements of her who had gone before. At times, Dr. Witherspoon's voice was almost drowned by the sobs of the children gathered around the flower-covered monument. He said in part:

"In Hollywood we meet at this time to honor a woman, who was gifted, accomplished and faithful to her God, her work and her generation. She was retiring and modest. She was content to walk humbly with her God and to work faithfully. She asked for no applause. She sought, not noisy fame; she was satisfied to have her work approved by her conscience and her God."

"To-morrow is May 30th, a day known throughout the land as Memorial Day. In the Capitol Square a monument will be unveiled to Governor Smith, a Virginian, who was great in war and peace. We stand before a monument also; we bring flowers to a grave and we do honor to one who deserved it all. The one we honor was not a judge, a lawyer, a statesman, nor a soldier, except in the battle against ignorance, prejudice, selfishness and sin."

"In future years the stranger will come and will look at this slab and will ask what it means. He will be told that there lived in this city a woman who was born a lady and a teacher, that her scholars loved her and wept for her when she died, and to express their regard for her put this piece of marble here. He will learn that the illies are carved in the marble because she died on the day of the illies—Easter morning—and he will know that she was a faithful unto death."

"The Rev. George W. McDaniel closed the services with a benediction. The monument is simple in design, having a spray of anemone lilies at the top and below the words: 'In memory of our beloved teacher, Mary F. Budd, died April 15, 1906.' 'Faithful unto death.'"

FLOWERS FOR THE CONFEDERATE DEAD

How They May Be Sent for the Graves of the Brave at Arlington.

The Floral Committee of the Confederate societies of Washington have issued the following circular:

"As it well known, the government has assigned a section of the Arlington National Cemetery for the last resting place of the remains of Confederate soldiers and sailors which were formerly interred in the several cemeteries in Washington."

This committee represents the organizations of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy in Washington, who yearly pay a substantial memorial of flowers to our departed heroes.

The services will be held on Sunday, June 3d, and this committee will appreciate it if you will mention the services in your valued papers and solicit the donation of flowers for placing on the graves. These Confederates are from every Southern State, and we do not feel presumptuous in asking that Southern people join with us in this duty.

The Southern Express Company has kindly consented to transport free of charge flowers consigned to the Floral Committee, Confederate Societies, Washington, D. C.

Flowers should be sent on some train reaching here Saturday evening, June 2d, or Sunday morning, June 3d. Donations should give the name and address of the donor, so that appropriate acknowledgment may be sent.

To-Day, Memorial Day, The Cohen Store Closes at 1 P. M.

A misprint in yesterday's News-Leader makes our closing time 10 o'clock. WE WISH TO CORRECT THE ERROR. THIS STORE WILL CLOSE AT 1 P. M. THE COHEN CO.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

Interesting Session Held Yesterday at Which Work Was Completed for Present.

SUPERINTENDENTS ELECTED

R. E. Cook Chosen for Roanoke County and Dr. W. S. Christian for Middlesex.

The State Board of Education convened yesterday morning at nine o'clock. Additional business connected with the high school requirements and the filling of vacancies was transacted and the board adjourned about one o'clock in the afternoon.

R. E. Cook was elected superintendent of schools of Roanoke county, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. C. Stearnes, who is now the secretary of the Board and the first clerk of the department of education. Dr. W. S. Christian was elected to fill the position of superintendent of schools of Middlesex county. Dr. Christian was a former superintendent of that county.

In continuing the work of the night before, the Board modified the requirements for a first, second and third grade high school, so that any for a school be entitled to the privileges of the first grade, it must have an enrollment of at least fifteen to eighteen; for the second grade school, there must be an enrollment of from fifteen to twelve, and for the third grade there must be an enrollment of from three to ten with a reasonable assurance of an average attendance of eight.

The board reserves the right to add high schools having only a seven-months' session. It was also decided that when in the opinion of the Superintendent of Public Education, the entire time of any teacher is not taken up in high school work, then the teacher may waive the rigid provisions of the high school act, and occupy part of his or her time in instructing the pupils of the primary grades.

Upon motion of Mr. Gooch, it was decided that such districts in which the high schools receiving State aid are located, shall offer the privileges of the high school to all the districts of the same county, which districts are to share conjointly in the support of the school, and that this shall be subject to the confirmation of the State Board.

On motion of Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, the rule requiring that the teacher of the High School shall be a B. A. graduate of some college was rescinded.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction was instructed to invite bids for school furniture and to lay same for examination before the board at a school meeting. Governor Swanson, Superintendent Eggleston and Dr. Tyler were named as a committee on the distribution of the high school State fund. These officers will take into consideration all applications for money and distribute it according to the instructions of the board.

On motion of the Governor, the board authorized loans under the Millams building act, to be made to schools whenever the applications meet the approval of the superintendent, the attorney-general and the second auditor.

MR. LAIRD PROMOTED.

Is Made Manager of Fifth District of Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. David Laird, who has been for nearly four years manager of the Richmond Exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been promoted to the superintendency of the fifth district, with headquarters at Savannah, Ga. The place made vacant by his removal has been filled by Mr. R. F. Morris, for three years cashier in

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The Fine Work of Art Bought by Mr. D. A. Ritchie.

Mr. D. A. Ritchie, president of the American Realty Corporation, of this city, yesterday, presented to Governor Swanson an order for the bust of the late General Fitzhugh Lee, which has been on exhibition in the rotunda of the Capitol for several years. This order was signed by G. Trentanove, sculptor, of Florence, Italy, and Governor Swanson directed Colonel Richardson, register of the land office, to deliver the bust to Mr. Ritchie, the purchaser.

The bust may possibly be loaned to the Jamestown Exposition Company, inasmuch as General Lee was president of the company at the time of his death.

In a recent letter the Sculptor writes, regarding this work of art: "At the suggestion of several friends and admirers of General Fitzhugh Lee, I made a marble bust of the late general, which was placed under my personal supervision in the rotunda of the State Capitol. The bust was made from life in Washington, D. C., and the general posed for it." So far as is known, this is the only bust of the general in existence, made from life.

BERTILON SYSTEM.

Famous Method of Identification at the Penitentiary.

According to the statement of Superintendent Morgan, of the penitentiary, it will not be long before the famous Bertillon system of convict identification will be in force at the institution. An apartment in the prison has already been set apart for the apparatus, which is expected to arrive in a few weeks.

The superintendent says the measurements taken by the Bertillon system, together with the thumb impressions, will establish a method for identification which will be practically infallible, besides being photographic, the convict has his entire body measured, as a whole, sectionally and every other way.

It is declared that all criminals, be they white or black, stand in awe of the system, because their measure has been taken, it is almost impossible for them to further elude the arms of the law.

APPOMATTOX MONUMENT

Unveiling of Shaft to Confederate Dead Will Take Place June 6.

The plans for the unveiling of the Appomattox Confederate Monument on the afternoon of June 6th have nearly been completed. Representative Hal C. Flood and Judge George L. Hundley will be among the speakers.

That the necessary amount for the monument has at length been raised is due to the efforts of Mrs. J. R. Atwood, who first conceived the idea of building a monument to the Confederate dead in Appomattox county. She began soliciting subscriptions single-handed. She announced last summer that she had enough money to pay for the monument.

Mr. Montague Back.

Former Governor A. J. Montague has returned from Washington where he went to discuss his diplomatic trip to Rio de Janeiro with the State Department. He will leave here for New York about the middle of June, and will sail with his family and colleagues a few days later for his post, via Liverpool.

Will Leave To-day.

The members of the State Corporation Commission will leave to-day for Woodstock, where they will sit to-morrow in the Winchester and Strasburg Railroad case. They will probably return here by the end of the week.

Mr. Morris Back.

Mr. W. T. Ross Morris, who has been engaged for several weeks in doing some court work as expert stenographer at Grundy, in Buchanan county, has returned to the city. Mr. Morris will resume his work as a stenographer in this city.

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